

EXHIBIT N

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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
3 AT CHARLESTON

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5 IN RE: ETHICON, INC., Master File No.
6 PELVIC REPAIR SYSTEM PRODUCTS 2:12-MD-02327
7 LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL 2327

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9 THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO CASE
10 CONSOLIDATION:
11 Terreski Mullins, et al., v.
12 Ethicon, Inc., et al.
13 Case No. 2:12-CV-02952

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17 DEPOSITION OF

18 VLADIMIR IAKOVLEV, M.D.

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21 HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL PORTION

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24 September 14, 2015

25 9:00 a.m. - 5:05 p.m.

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1 intentionally oxidized polypropylene by exposing it
2 to some chemical solution?

3 MR. ORENT: Objection.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, he did.

5 BY MR. THOMAS:

6 Q. Did you ask him to have that mesh
7 so that you could determine whether this
8 intentionally oxidized polypropylene absorbed
9 stain?

10 MR. ORENT: Objection.

11 THE WITNESS: No.

12 BY MR. THOMAS:

13 Q. Why not?

14 MR. ORENT: Objection.

15 THE WITNESS: Because I'm doing my own
16 experiment and I believe I need to keep it for at
17 least a year and a half.

18 BY MR. THOMAS:

19 Q. Did you discuss with Dr. Guelcher
20 the scope of his experiment?

21 MR. ORENT: Objection. At this point,
22 Counsel, I think you're getting into -- I think you
23 need to clarify whether your questions are in the
24 context of litigation or research.

25 To the extent it's in litigation it's

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1 covered by privilege and I would instruct the
2 witness not to answer under the rules. But to the
3 extent that you're discussing research, I think
4 that's fair game to discuss.

5 BY MR. THOMAS:

6 Q. Okay. From a research
7 perspective, did you have any discussions with Dr.
8 Guelcher about his experiment?

9 A. It's work in progress so it's
10 privileged to researchers, I guess, at this point.

11 Q. Are you going to assert a
12 privilege for your research?

13 A. For research information, yes.

14 Q. Okay. And you asserted a
15 litigation privilege, which I don't think is
16 appropriate -- I'm not arguing with you. You said
17 there's no research privilege. Now he's trying to
18 assert a research privilege?

19 MR. ORENT: No, what I said was in
20 terms of legal -- in terms of legal privileges that
21 I can, that I have, that I have an attorney-client --
22 excuse me, a attorney work product under the Rule
23 26.

24 Rule 26 specifically allows for expert
25 witnesses to consult with one another under the

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